

**To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**From:** Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager

**Re:** Consideration of: Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited Fish Habitats

**Date:** March 21, 2023

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Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited (AATU) is interested in placing wood structures in Mill Creek between the Main Street Bridge and Forest Lawn Cemetery. Per AATU, these habitats will be used to improve the ecosystem for fish and discourage erosion along this section of Mill Creek. AATU is asking for permission regarding the installations as the City's approval is needed as a part of their EGLE permit.

AATU has conveyed the following to City staff regarding the structures:

- The structures will not affect any kind of recreational activities such as kayaking, etc.
- They have conducted on-site walks with Paul Evanoff (the architect behind Mill Creek Park) in how to best place the structures that will work with the stream's current structures and other factors such as sediment and bank erosion that factor into the creek's profile.
- There is no financial cost that the City is being asked to contribute.

Attached to this memo is a site plan for the structures along the section of Mill Creek.

### **Requested Action**

The Parks & Recreation Commission is asked to recommend to City Council the approval of the installation of wood structures in Mill Creek by Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited that will assist in improving fish habitats and discourage erosion.